



GOLDEN GATE

Fire Protection District

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To: Board of Directors

From: Damian DiFeo, Fire Chief

Subject: March Chief's Report

Date: March 26, 2020

Administration

- No report

Personnel

- After 30-years of service to the GGFD & the Golden Gate community Gerrit Verschuur has decided to hang up his bunker gear. It is truly rare these days to see a volunteer dedicate that many years to an organization. The community and fire department are forever grateful for you service Gerrit.
- After 12-years of service Assistant Chief Lori Brill will be hanging up her bunker gear at GGFD but continuing her career in the Fire Service at another agency. Chief Brill has put in more hours in training our Firefighters than any volunteer I have known in the last 30-years. She will be greatly missed, and her shoes will be hard if not impossible to fill. Thank you for your service Chief Brill

Operations

- To date we have run 17 calls.
- We have switched to the new equipment/personnel numbering system with Jeffcom.

Communications/Jeffcom

- No report

AMR Ambulance

- We expect to make a final decision on ambulance service by the end of the month.

Strategic plan/ISO

- Working on getting a quote for the remodel of station 1
- New ISO rating goes into effect next week

Budget

- No report

Education/Training & Travel

- We have cancelled all trainings to limit contact between personnel

Inspections/planning & Zoning

- No report

Grants

- The AFG tender grant has been revised and submitted.
- The AFG regional radio has been submitted and includes GGFD, Timberline, Coal Creek, Sugarloaf, & Nederland Fire.
- I also applied for a vehicle exhaust system grant for each station this year, this grant is also an AFG grant.
- We were not successful with the Colorado Department of Health grant for the Lucas CPR machines.

Stations/Maintenance/Equipment

- Thanks to LT Katz and his diligence checking the septic tank at station 3, we found it has a leak and is filling with water from somewhere. I will be working with a contractor to get it replaced. The engineered drawings required by the county are being prepared now, once done I will apply for the permit.

COVID-19

- As of today, there have been no confirmed or suspected cases of COVID-19 in the GGFD district. I will continue to send out the daily updates to the board & the Firefighters as I get them from the EOC & Jeffcom.
- I am in the process of applying for PPE from the EOC that was delivered from the national stockpile.
- Standard operating guidelines have been implemented when we deal with a suspected COVID patient.
- We currently have one Firefighter that is self-quarantining due to contact with two people who tested positive with COVID. That Firefighter has not been in contact with anyone at the Fire Department after his contact with the infected people. His quarantine will expire on March 29th and he is not currently experiencing any symptoms.

Miscellaneous/Meetings

- We have had multiple ambulance meetings this month as well as tours of these facilities.
- I have been in multiple conference calls related to COVID.
- The newsletter should be ready to go to the printer next week.